

MINUTES OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 23, 1975

The Oconee County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Bailes. Robert Ramey said the invocation.

— Upon a motion by Mr. Ramey and seconded by Mr. Herring, the minutes of the October 4th meeting were accepted as printed.

County Council unanimously approved the purchase of a fire truck for South Union Community. The motion was made by Mr. Herring and received a second from Mr. Ramey. This request was made by Rural Fire Board Chairman, Raymond Fendley. Council did tell Mr. Fendley they wanted to look at the specifications for the truck when they were available. They also agreed that on the fire trucks <sup>TIRES</sup> that are 10 years old should be replaced, and given to the road department.

It was also agreed that the County would insure and maintain the brush fire auxiliary truck for the Mt. Rest Rural Fire Station. Permission was given to Mr. Fendley to go ahead with the purchase of budgeted items in the Rural Fire Departments.

Mrs. <sup>J</sup>Joyce Morgan of Project PLea requested office space for this organization. Mrs. Thomas moved to offer a room in the Agriculture Bldg. Mr. Herring seconded and all members were in favor.

Dennis Davis, COG Coordinator for the Junk Car disposal project, requested Oconee to participate in the two County pilot project, This was referred to the Inter-Governmental Committee.

Tom Moore of COG reported Oconee Fire Study will begin shortly. He also talked about the grant for industrial location, a five mile corridor of I-85 in Oconee County. Council asked Mr. Moore to work with the Planning Commission in this endeavor.

Mr. Castle of the Humane Society requested a 5% cost of living raise for the shelter manager and humane officer. Council agreed to this since their probationary period was not up when regular employees received a raise in July. Mr. Herring made the motion to allow the increase on the seventh month of employment. Mr. Thomas seconded and all were in favor.

A horse trailer for the Humane society was discussed and due to the small number of times one is needed, Mr. Thomas moved to allow the society \$200.00 to construct a cattle frame for the truck. Mr. Herring seconded and all voted yes.

Since there is only one water meter that serves both Lakeview Rest Home and the Animal Shelter, Councilman Ramey entered a motion for the bill to be divided in half between the two. Mr. Herring seconded and it was passed. Council agreed for the Humane Society to negotiate with the City of Seneca in regard to handling their animals rather than the present pound.

It was unanimously agreed by Council for the Arts Commission to be located in the Planning Commission, the motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

In committee reports the following were made by Mr. Herring:  
Bids to be opened for the heating and cooling of the Courthouse basement on Monday, October 27 at 4 p.m.

Bids previously on communication equipment be awarded to Morris Equipment since they were already servicing the new equipment. Mr. Thomas seconded, Mr. Herring motion on this and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Herring moved to purchase a small portable refrigerator, hot plate combination at a cost of not more than \$350.00. Mr. Ramey seconded and all voted in favor.

A boat for the Civil Defense Agency was discussed but no action was taken.

The CCS Commission has requested one more radio (one of the ones on hand) for the packer truck. Mr. Herring moved to provide this, Mr. Ramey seconded and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. Ramey moved to purchase only 25 boxes for the CCS Commission at the present which was in accord with Mr. Sloughs recommendation. This was seconded by Mr. Herring and all were in favor.

Council agreed for Mr. Thomas to go ahead with the exterminating the flying insects in the tax assessors office.

John Ebert and the Tax Appeals Board will meet on November 3.

Mr. Thomas moved to increase the salary of the Oakway Magistrate to \$192.50 per month and his secretary to \$200.00 beginning the October pay period. Mr. Herring seconded and all were in favor.

Chairman Bailes announced that a job description would be drawn up very shortly for a purchasing agent and also tax assessor.

A meeting was called for 7:30, October 30, to discuss agreement with State Department of Corrections with County Attorney.

Council approved the request John Ebert to use part of the date regarding tax assessments in a demonstration of computer tax assessing.

The leak in the Library roof was referred to Mr. Thomas.

The letter from Charity Medical Services Director, C. F. Tisdale regarding the Charity Medical Services ambulances and communications was taken as information.

Council went into executive session around 10:20 upon a motion by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mr. Thomas.